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SUBJECT: HANI AL-HASAN'S MISSION TO CAIRO

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1. ARAFAT'S ENVOY TO CAIRO HANI AL-HASAN IS REPORTEDLY DUE RETURN BEIRUT APRIL 30, AFTER HIS MEETINGS WITH PRIMIN, FONMIN, AND MININFO. AKHBAR REPORTS THAT HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO CAIRO AS SOON AS HE CONVEYS GOE VIEWS TO ARAFAT. A "RESPONSIBLE PALESTINIAN SOURCE" IS CITED AS SAYING AL-HASAN IS OPTIMISTIC REGARDING EGYPT'S COMMITMENT TO THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF GOE'S POLITICAL WEIGHT IN ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL ARENAS. AKHBAR "LEARNED" DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON "NECESSITY TO RESTORE EGYPTIAN-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS," WEST BANK, LEBANON, AND OTHER CURRENT ISSUES.

2. COMMENT: IF AL-HASAN IS, IN FACT, SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO CAIRO AFTER CONSULTING WITH ARAFAT, THERE MAY BE SOME TRUTH TO HIGH-LEVEL GOE ASSERTIONS TO US THAT ARAFAT IS GENUINELY INTERESTED IN MENDING HIS FENCES WITH CAIRO, RATHER THAN MERELY OFFERING EXPLANATIONS FOR HIS ON-AND-OFF COLLABORATION

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WITH DAMASCUS RE LEBANON. TROUBLE IS, OF COURSE, THAT, AS

FAHMY AID REMARKED TO US APRIL 29, EGYPT IS UNABLE DEVISE
PRACTICAL METHOD TO PROTECT FATAH FROM ALLEGED SARG-SA'IQA
DESIGNS ON FATAH PREPONDERANCE WITH PLO.
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